



# Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society

*There is history in all lives*

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## THE LADIES OF THE CLUB

### THE SUFFOLK BOOK CLUB CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

In the second half of the nineteenth century more women than ever before enjoyed the benefit of education. Most if not all of the women who started the Suffolk Book Club were educated in private schools – the younger ones at the Finney School (Suffolk Female Institute) or the Nansemond Seminary. Most of them had lived through the War Between the States. After the years of the War when fathers, sons and brothers were away for an extended period -- some never to return -- women had become more independent than ever before.

The climate in Suffolk in 1899 seemed ripe for new endeavors. The city hall and market, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Suffolk Christian Church and the Nansemond County Clerk's Office were all in newly constructed buildings on Main Street. The first successful peanut processing plant was up and running. The factory district was humming with several manufacturing concerns. The many railroads through Suffolk were busy moving people and goods to and fro. The first book club in town, the Suffolk Literary Club, had been meeting for five years.

The early members of the club lived on, or very near, Main Street. Many of them were related by blood or by marriage – the majority had Norfleet and Riddick connections. They were neighbors and they attended church together – St. Paul's, Main Street United Methodist or Suffolk Christian Church. Mrs. Robert Edward Norfleet is credited with organizing the club. The first meeting was held in October 1899 in the then brand new Christian Church parsonage (demolished in 1954) on Main Street.

Originally the club met twice a month to sew while the designated member read from some good book. There were no yearbooks in those early days and the decision was made at one meeting as to who would read at the next. Over the years yearbooks were adopted and programs planned a year at the time, a practice that continues today.

During World War I one of the monthly meetings was omitted and the club provided wool for the members to knit sweaters, socks and wristlets for Suffolk boys who were in service. After that war, bi-monthly meetings were resumed until World War II, when members decided to devote one of the meeting days to the war effort. In fact, in 1944-45 only three meetings were held. Members of the club helped entertain service men at the Women's Club (See our Fall 1998 newsletter), bought bonds and made many other donations of time and money to the cause. Since that time the group has met in members' homes once a month, October through May, to learn and to enjoy lively social exchange.

There is a limited membership, chosen by election. There are two early histories of the club, one by Mrs. W.B. Ferguson (who was an early member though not a founder) and another by Mrs. W.E. Hines, another early member, and there is not complete agreement about the charter members.

### THE CARPET FROM BAGDAD

HAROLD MACGRATH



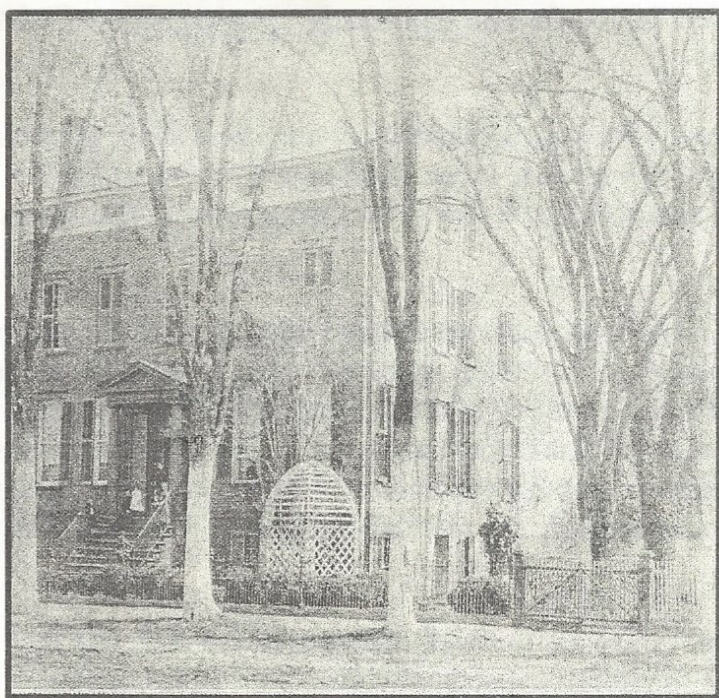
Miss Anna Mary Riddick is on both lists. She was born in 1841 in her grandfather's house (known to us as Riddick's Folly and opened for this year's Candlelight Tour) and she died there ninety-five years later in 1936. Miss Anna Mary was 20 years old when the War Between the States started. Her family left Suffolk prior to the Union occupation and the Union General Peck used the house as his headquarters.

She was a charter member of the Suffolk Literary Club, she was the first president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and she was very active at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She lived through the Civil War, the Spanish American War and World War I. It is said that she was the first woman to vote in Suffolk. On her 50th birthday, she entertained at a ball at Riddick's Folly which was contemporarily described as magnificent. Two of her nieces, Mrs. Arthur Woolford and Mrs. Herbert Darden, were charter members as well. Mrs. Darden's great-granddaughter, Mrs. H. Hunter Odom, Jr., nee Melissa Darden, is a fourth generation member today.

Miss Frances Louise Britt (1879-1977) was the granddaughter of Benjamin Riddick, mayor of Suffolk when the Union Army took Suffolk. She was born at the house at 227 North Main Street where she lived nearly all her life. She attended the Finney School and was Suffolk's first female correspondent for a Norfolk paper. Her sister Anna (Mrs. A.R. Myrick 1870-1968) was also a member. The Britt home, now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodward, Jr., will be open for our tour as will the Myrick house next door. That house is named for Mrs. A.R. Myrick's son, Theodore, who lived there for many years. It is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Trump.



*Miss Anna Mary Riddick in 1933*



*Miss Anna Mary's home, Riddick's Folly, in the late 19th Century.*



*Miss Louise Britt around 1900*



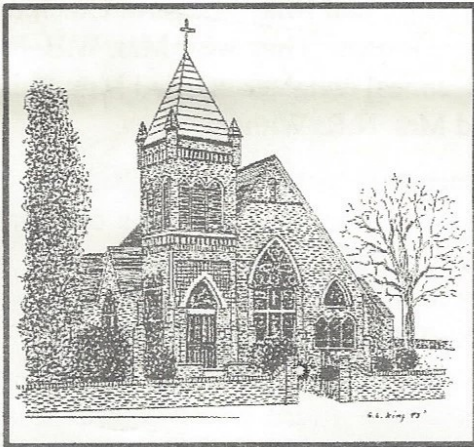
Miss Lizzie Baker (later Mrs. Fred Hubbel of Baltimore, Maryland) was the daughter of Confederate Brigadier General Lawrence Baker. Their home was just south of St. Paul's Church and the lot is part of St. Paul's churchyard. In St. Paul's, a particularly beautiful stained glass window depicting St. George and the dragon is a memorial to General Baker. (Another window honors the teachers of the Nansemond Seminary, where some of the early Book Club members were educated.)

Charter member, Mrs. Louisana Finney Crump (1844-1913), was a sister of the Finneys of Suffolk Female Institute (also known as the College). Her daughter, Miss Lulie Crump, was a member as well. The Finneys are said to have come from Tappahannock, Virginia. They taught at Chuckatuck for a while before coming to Suffolk to start their fine school, the remaining building of which still stands at the corner of North Main Street and Finney Avenue. Main Street United Methodist Church has a window memorial for the Finney sisters.

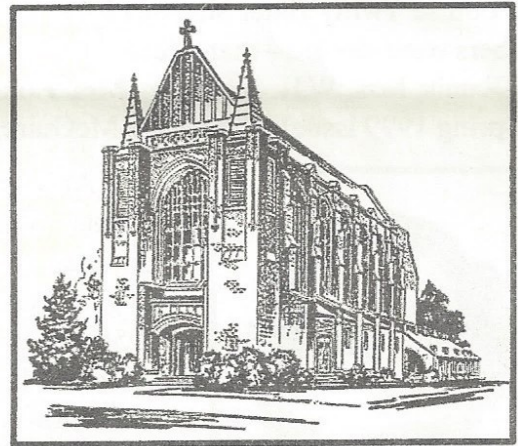


*The Britt House built c. 1800*

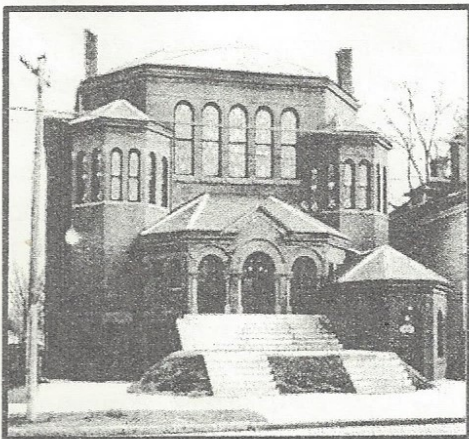
***These Main Street Churches will be on Tour***



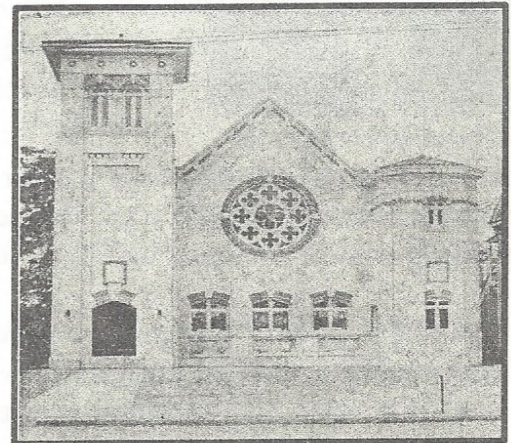
*St. Paul's Episcopal Church organized in 1642  
This building constructed in 1895*



*Main Street United Methodist Church organized in 1801  
This Building constructed in 1914-16*



*Suffolk Christian Church organized in 1860  
This building constructed in 1894 and 1927*



*First Baptist Church organized in 1827  
This building constructed in 1957*



Miss Florence Harvey was a music teacher at the Finney School (apparently until it closed in 1908) and worked as organist and choir director at Suffolk Christian Church from 1891 until 1915. She retired to the Theodore Presser Home for Retired Music Teachers in Philadelphia.

The wives of ministers have often been members of the Club during their time in Suffolk. Mrs. Joseph B. Dunn was the wife of the rector of St. Paul's Church and lived in the rectory that stood in the 400 block of North Main Street. Her husband published a history of Nansemond County in 1907, to coincide with the Jamestown Exposition. He was rector of St. Paul's from 1898-1910.

Mrs. Wilbur J. Kilby's husband was judge of the Nansemond County Court and they lived in a house that they built adjacent to the Kilby Law Office (now the two parts comprise the American Legion/Senior Citizens Building). After Mrs. Kilby's death in 1917, her daughter, Miss Hilah, appeared at the next book club meeting, saying that she knew her mother would want her to be there. So, without election, she was welcomed as a member and participated enthusiastically for many years.

Another early, if not, original member was Mrs. J.C. West, Jr., the former Katherine Beamon, (the Beamon home stood where the Van Valkenburgh house is today) whose husband's father had come to Suffolk from Delaware to engage in manufacturing here. Mr. West, Sr., owned the Butter Dish Factory and Mr. West, Jr., operated the Suffolk Overall Factory. Mrs. J.C. West, III, was a member for several years and Mrs. J.C. West, IV is a member today.

Other charter members were Mrs. M.T. Withers, Mrs. John C. Smith, Mrs. W.E. Hines, Mrs. A.B. Twitty, Miss Louise Twitty (later she was Mrs. Frank Hobbs of Petersburg), and Miss Margaret Cutchin. Soon other members were elected – many related by blood or marriage to the first ones. They were Mrs. W.B. Ferguson, Mrs. C.J. Dennis, Mrs. W.H. Jones, Jr., Mrs. Horace W. Phillips (Mrs. Jones' daughter married Mrs. Phillips son, See our Spring 1999 issue), Miss Allie McGuire, Mrs. P.R. Dunn and Mrs. N.R. Withers.



**Mrs. Ann H. Burton**

At least two or three of the members have been published writers. Mrs. P.M. Burton, who joined the Club as Miss Ann Hargrave, was considered the town historian and was President of the Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society. She taught history and other subjects at Suffolk High School for many years and in 1958 she compiled a history of Suffolk and Nansemond County which was published by the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. J.L. Cuthbert (the former Mary Prince of Summerville, South Carolina) wrote award winning short stories and Mrs. Charles C. Powell (nee Ann Royal Story, a third generation member), herself a former history teacher, co-authored a book for children with Anna Mary Riddick as the main character. This book is available at the Riddick's Folly Gift Shop.

A tea celebrating the fiftieth anniversary was held in 1945 at the Suffolk Elks Lodge which was then in the E.E. Holland House on Bank Street. This tea was described by the Club's secretary as "one of the outstanding social events of the season." The seventieth anniversary tea in 1969 was held at the (new) Elks Lodge on Constance Road. To celebrate the Club's centennial, a tea was recently held in the parish hall of St. Paul's Church, a most appropriate place since it was the church of the Club's founder, Mrs. Norfleet, as well as several other charter members.

The Suffolk Book Club at its one hundredth anniversary is something of an anachronism in a time when many marriages are shorter than the engagements which precede them and an increasing number of women work outside the home. How could such an organization expect to continue? The Book Club as well as other similar organizations thrive in spite of the changing times.



One Book Club member, Mrs. William Birdsong (the former Yancey Brooking), has participated for more than sixty years and another, younger member, Mrs. Walter Story, for more than fifty years. Mrs. George Ballance joined the group in the mid 1920's and her daughter, Jacqueline (Mrs. John Robert Johnson), is still a member today, having joined over thirty years ago. (She's the little girl on the cover.) The daughters, daughters-in-law and granddaughters of earlier members, as well as other kindred spirits assemble once a month in members' homes to eat dessert from the hostess' best china and to enjoy the social and intellectual exchange with other ladies of the club.

Mrs. W.B. Ferguson ended her 1926 history of the Club thusly:

"We do not boast of great things, but are assured we have accomplished good to each member and the name of the Suffolk Book Club will always be an incentive to higher, brighter and better things. As the years pass and time changes names and places, this will live in our hearts – a golden memory."



"Let Fate do her worst, there are moments of joy,  
Bright dreams of the past which she cannot destroy,  
That come in the night-time of sorrow and care  
And bring back the features that joy used to wear.  
Long, long be my heart, with such memories filled,  
Like the vase in which roses have once been distilled.  
You may shatter, you may break the vase if you will,  
But the scent of those roses will hang round it still."



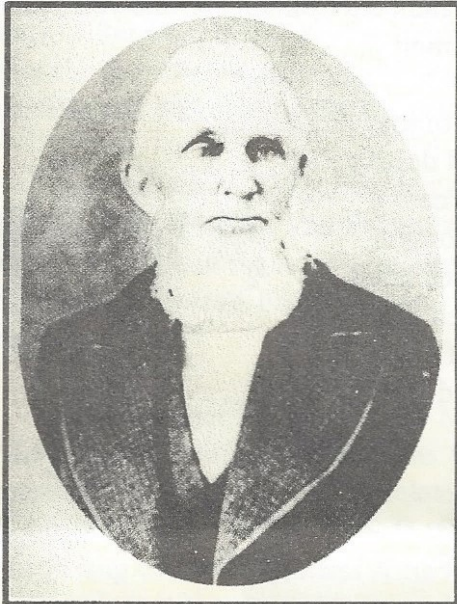
*George Ballance and his wife, the former Ruth James, grew up in Portsmouth. They Moved to Suffolk early in the century for him to work at Suffolk Clay Company which belonged to his Mother's family, the Butlers.*



## **IT'S NOT ONE RIDDICK IT'S ANOTHER**

Benjamin Riddick and his descendants are a big part of the story of the houses open on this year's Candlelight Tour. Riddick was born at Mossy Swamp Farm on the Desert Road and moved into town around 1822. In 1833 he and his wife, Eliza Jerusha Porter Riddick, bought the house known as the Britt house (227 N. Main Street). He was major of Suffolk when the town fell to the Union Army. Mayor Riddick met with Col. Dodge of the New York Mounted Rifles on May 12, 1862 at the Temperance Hall between First Baptist Church and the Masonic Hall where Freemason Street is today and there he surrendered the town government.\*

\*This according to historian Fillmore Norfleet. Another source says the surrender occurred at the Washington Hotel.



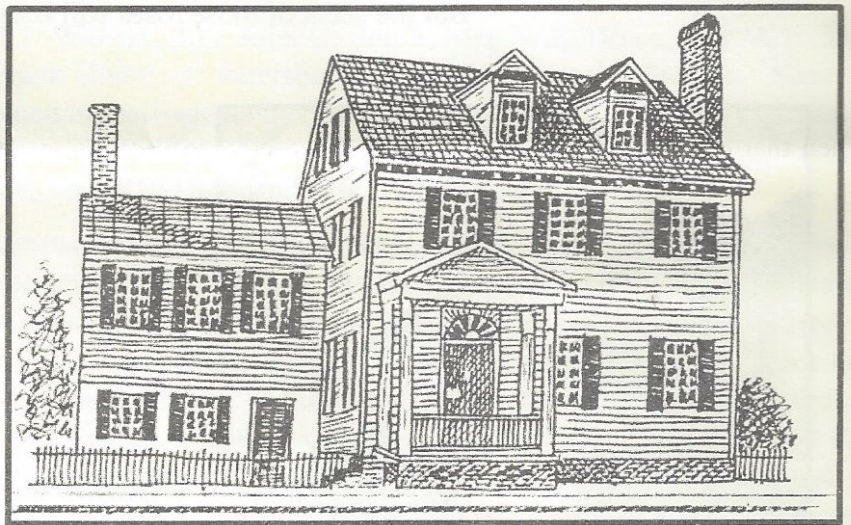
*Benjamin Riddick 1809-1892*

*He served at various times as Sheriff, Clerk of Court, County Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue and Mayor of Suffolk*

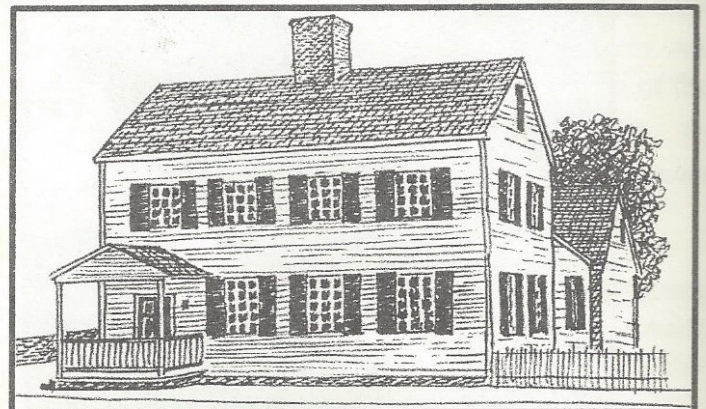
Another Riddick daughter, Eliza, married Richard Seth Eley in 1866. At that time they moved to the house now known as the Van Valkenburgh house (220 N. Main Street). The house stayed in family hands for more than a hundred years and was inherited by Elizabeth Campbell van Valkenburgh, their granddaughter. The house was sold by the van Valkenburgh estate in 1993. It was moved one lot to the north two years ago and is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Snyder.

In 1873 Eliza and Seth Eley built a fashionable new home (at 251 N. Main Street) near the Masonic Lodge on a lot where her maternal grandparents' home had stood. The house has remained in the family and is now the home of the Eley's great-great granddaughter (Benjamin Riddick's great, great, great granddaughter) and her husband. They are Mr. and Mrs. William Duggan.

In 1855 Exum Britt married Benjamin Riddick's daughter, Eudora (1833-1865) and in 1867 he married another Riddick daughter, Ellen. They bought the family home in 1869. Their descendants owned it for more than a hundred years (See Miss Louise Britt in our Book Club Story). This is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodward, Jr. Riddick's grandson, Theodore Myrick, Commissioner of Revenue in Suffolk, owned the little house next door (223 N. Main Street) for many years in this century. Now the home of Mr. and Mr. B.L. Trump, it is thought by some to have started as a one-room office for the occupants of the Britt House.

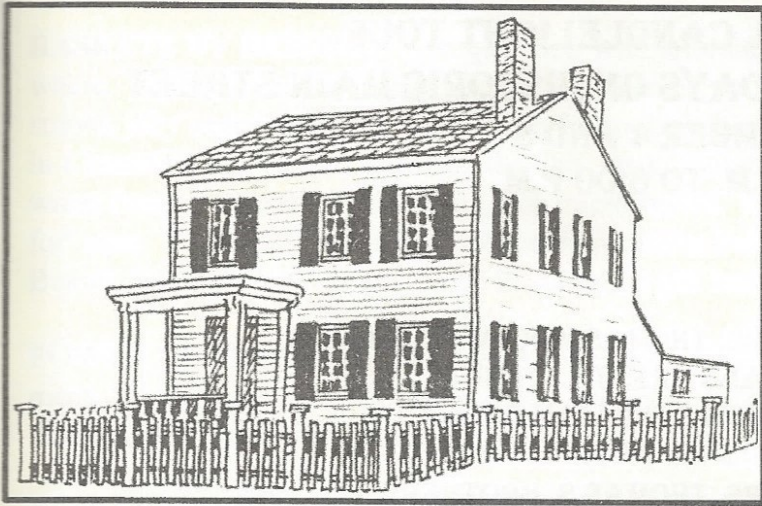


*BRITT HOUSE c.1790 and 1835*

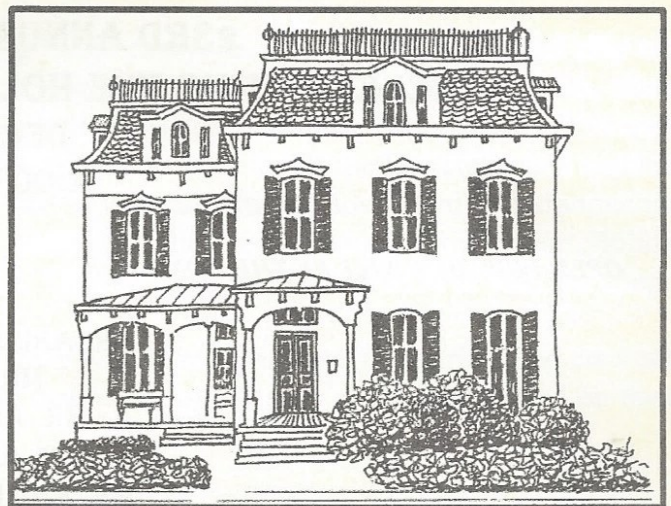


*THE MYRICK HOUSE PRE-1833*





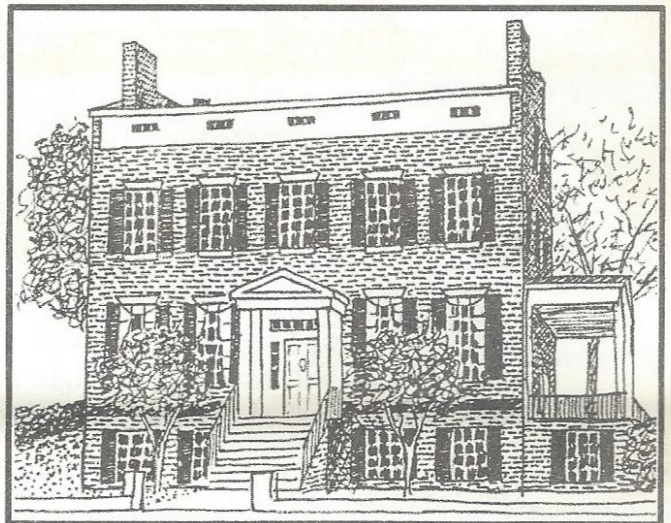
*THE VAN VALKENBURGH HOUSE c. 1850*



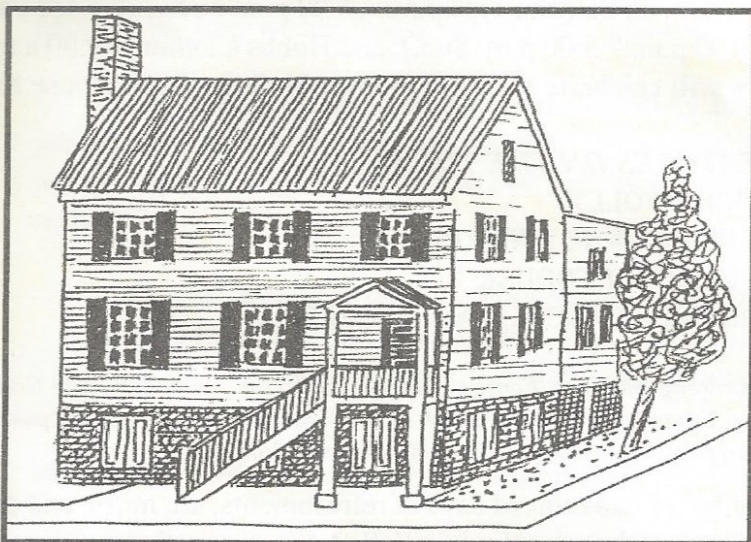
*THE ELEY HOUSE 1873*

The other two houses on this year's tour, Riddick's Folly (510 N. Main Street) and the Wood house (400 N. Main Street) are associated with another Riddick, Mills, who was born in 1780 at the Riddick plantation, "the Old Place" (or "Sweet Retreat") on the White Marsh Road. He was involved in several enterprises but was, primarily, in the lumber business.

He and his wife, Mary Taylor, married in 1803 and came into town to a house beside the Courthouse in 1820. When that house burned in 1837, they built a new, larger house on the same site. That house, known as Riddick's Folly, belonged to the family for 130 years before it was sold to the City of Suffolk. It is now a house museum.



*RIDDICK'S FOLLY 1837-1839*



*THE WOOD HOUSE c. 1850*

This house, now the property of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brothers and Mr. and Mrs. Phil McPhail, will be open for this year's tour as a Designer House and Shop.

Sometime after Mills Riddick's death in 1844, Mary Taylor Riddick bought a piece of property at the northeast corner of Mahan and Main Streets. Perhaps the house was already standing but it is likely that she had it constructed. Mary Taylor Riddick moved there some time after she sold Riddick's Folly to her son, Nathaniel, in 1850. She lived in the smaller house until her death in 1875, when she left the property to her daughter, Julianna Riddick Wood.



*Mrs. Mills Riddick  
(nee Mary Taylor)  
1788-1875*



**23RD ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT TOUR**  
**CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS ON HISTORIC MAIN STREET**  
**DECEMBER 4 AND 5**  
**2:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

**OPEN FOR TOUR WILL BE THE HOMES OF:**

**MR. AND MRS. THOMAS WOODWARD, JR.**  
**MR. AND MRS. B. L. TRUMP**  
**MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM DUGGAN**  
**MR. AND MRS. DAVID L. SNYDER**  
**MR. AND MRS. THOMAS S. BROTHERS &**  
**MR. AND MRS. J. PHIL MCPHAIL**

**THE MAIN STREET CHURCHES:**  
**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL**  
**MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST**  
**FIRST BAPTIST**  
**SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN**

Each church will be open for tours. St. Paul's will be selling cookies, cider and other baked goods. First Baptist will have a live Nativity on Saturday. Main Street United Methodist will be selling note cards, the Suffolk Woman's Club ornament, and other items. Music will also be provided throughout the tour. Suffolk Christian will have a candlelight dinner, both Saturday and Sunday nights, limited to 100 guests. Reservations required – please call Suffolk Christian for further information.

The following Main Street businesses are sponsoring the brochure for the Tour: Bank of Suffolk, G&G Enterprises, The Print Shop, Wachovia Bank; Baskets by Design, Creative Candies, and Power of Flowers (open 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sat. and 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sun.); Epps Farm Supply (open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sat. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sun.); and Hobbs Clothiers (9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sat.); the Shooting Star Gallery will celebrate their 3rd Annual Holiday Open House from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. both days.

**OTHER FEATURES ON THE TOUR:**  
**RIDDICK'S FOLLY**  
**OPEN HOUSE AT THE BROWNE AND EPPS HOUSES**  
**THE OLD COURTHOUSE**  
**THE DESIGNER HOUSE AT 400 N. MAIN STREET**

*The Designer House will feature the following businesses: Birdsong Interiors, Forged D'Lights, Heirloom Botanica, High Cotton, Johnson's Gardens, Way Back Yonder Antiques and the Willows. Suzanne Rubio and Patrick Evans-Hylton will have a tea and pastries shop in the English basement. The Designer House will be open from December 6-11 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

**SHOOTING STAR GALLERY** invites you to come by for two relaxed days of refreshments, art, music and door prizes. Come shop for Christmas gifts and enjoy the featured show by Virginia Folk Artist, *Kacey Sydnor Carneal*, with a group of paintings called "I Believe in Little Things" (Exhibit Nov. 15 through Jan. 4, 2000)

Since 1954 **HOBBS CLOTHIERS** has been a staple for quality men's wear in downtown Suffolk. We are proud to be a sponsor for this year's Historical Society Candlelight Tour. Please come by for a visit during our expanded hours on the eve of December 11th. We feel privileged to have been a part of downtown Suffolk's past and look forward to being part of its future.



**BASKETS BY DESIGN** is a unique shop with affordable gifts for everyone. We deliver locally and ship anywhere. If you are unsure what to give to someone you can give an assortment of delicious chocolates, cheese straws, jelly beans, local peanuts, wonderful cookies, body lotions and soaps, perfumes, kitchenware, all wrapped in a beautiful gift basket. We have the only walk-in humidor in the area with top of the line cigars and specialty wines from all over the world, along with micro-brews. We have wonderful gifts for those "hard to find something for" men. We do gift baskets for any occasion such as Baby Baskets, Birthdays, Weddings, Bereavement, Holiday, Bosses, Secretary and we specialize in corporate gift baskets. Give us a call at 757-934-8550 or visit our shop.

**POWER OF FLOWERS** Customer Appreciation Days. There will be refreshments, door prizes and entertainment. Kiwanis peanuts will be on sale as well as coverlets that have historic sites of Suffolk printed on them. There will be a drawing for one dozen red roses.

**EPSS FARM SUPPLY/FLOWER PATCH** will be selling fresh balsam fir wreaths (bows available), fresh decorated houseplants, silk arrangements, including centerpieces with or without candles, decorated tabletop and 7-1/2' trees, silk swags and garlands, wreaths (novelty and traditional), cemetery toppers and poinsettias.

*COME VISIT OUR SPONSORS' SHOPS LOCATED ON NORTH AND SOUTH MAIN STREETS. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE MAKING THIS TOUR POSSIBLE.*



### ***SAVE OUR STATION PROJECT UNDERWAY AT LAST!!!***

It is so wonderful to see construction begin on the Train Station. These last few months have been spent trying to revise the bid and initiating a capital campaign that will fund the difference between the grant money awarded and the actual cost of the project. We had very generous donations from local businesses and from Trusts and Foundations.

Although, we had hoped to have the Station open for our annual Candlelight Tour, it will be great to see a work in progress. It is estimated that it will take 6 months to complete. Also, there will be an opportunity for volunteers to do some of the inside work on the turret. As a cost saving measure we took the turret out of the bid package because we felt that it was in pretty good shape and could be managed by volunteers.

*Everett Birdsong, George Consolvo, Betsy Brothers and the SOS committee* have done an outstanding job of seeing that this project was brought to this point. *The City of Suffolk staff* has also worked diligently with us to complete the task. Thanks to everyone who has had a hand in making the renovation of the Train station a reality.

***Special thanks to the following for their donations of goods and services to the Train Station Project:***

Kirk Lumber Co., Blair Brothers, Inc., City of Suffolk, Johns Brothers Security, Reginald E. Brothers Co., Thad C. Keyt General Contractor, Art-Ray Corporation, Burris Construction and Isle of Wight.

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*Note from the President*

### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BEGINS WITH SUCCESS**

In August you received a letter explaining why we began a Capital Campaign and asking you to consider contributing to it. We also sent that letter to local foundations and trusts and businesses. To date we have been successful in obtaining funds from **The Pruden Foundation (\$15,000)** and **The Beazley Foundation (\$25,000)**. We have also received **\$7,425** from our members. The Norfolk Foundation and others are currently reviewing our



request for funds. **George Consolvo and I** have been making the contacts and distributing the needed information to the different groups that we hope will be willing to support our projects. George recently was the guest speaker at Rotary. He used that opportunity to explain our campaign and goals to that group and his comments were well received.

Because this job of fund raising is so important to our preservation efforts, with the immediate need being for the Train Station, I have asked several people to serve on a **Development Committee**. Their duties will include advising the Historical Society's and Preservation of Historic Suffolk's boards of directors on such things as new projects, marketing, special events, and fund raising. The members of this Committee are: **Steve Huber, Kenda G. Council, John Sebrell, Fleet Smith, Robert Baker, Mike Kayes, Jack Harry and Doug Russell**. They have been given the task of helping to guide our very large group in the right direction so that we may achieve our Preservation goals without depleting our resources.

It was my goal to involve more people in the decision making processes of the Historical Society and to have more men become involved with the operation of the Historical Society. Everyone who was asked to serve agreed to do so quickly, and I am grateful to have such a diverse and intelligent committee working to take us into the next century. My thanks and appreciation also go out to the Preservation of Historic Suffolk board of directors, **Jim Moore, Pret Pretlow, George Consolvo, Nancy Dempsey, Betsy Brothers, and Sue Woodward**. Nancy Dempsey who chaired the event conceived the idea for our recent Heirloom Treasures sale. We raised \$2,000 in one day and plan to develop this idea in the future. We will also have another sale during the Candlelight Tour at the same location. Please call us if you have items to donate. **We will pick up**, and remember **all proceeds go to the Save our Station Fund**.

I hope that our Capital Campaign will continue to be successful. I appreciate the hard work that everyone seems to be willing to do. It is not easy to find time in our busy schedules to volunteer, but the Historical Society is blessed with many that do find the time. Thanks to each of you.

Barbara N. McPhail

### **THE S.H.S. PROJECT**

"Suffolk forever...her fame shall never die..."

The Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society held its annual fall meeting on October 11th and the renovation plans for Suffolk High School were presented by the Norfolk architectural firm of Tymoff and Moss. These plans were presented with slides, drawings and an interesting model built to allow each floor to be removed in order to view the proposed changes.

Renovation plans for this greatly needed facility were met with enthusiasm from our members and guests. This project is vital to the success of downtown revitalization and the benefits gained should be far reaching for all of Suffolk and Hampton Rhodes.

Our vision for S.H.S. is that it will provide appropriate space for a cultural center and headquarters for a wide variety of visual and performing arts. The renovated building will include a renovated auditorium, the finest in the city, two large, open areas for receptions, banquets, dances, or other sizeable gatherings, a large kitchen, a restored 1920's classroom and Suffolk School's Museum. There will also be rooms for lease, plenty of parking, three elevators, the most notable front steps in the city, and generally a place to celebrate our past and plan for the future of a growing community.

Let's do this well! Our town needs it and this proud old school deserves it!

Please call if you have concerns ideas or alumni lists.

Betsy Brothers  
S.H.S Task Force Chairman



## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY HEADQUARTERS**

On October 13, 1999 several Historical Society members met with City managers Myles Standish, Steve Herbert, Jim Vacalis, and Mayor Dana Dickens to discuss the usage of the Old Nansemond County Courthouse.

For the past 2 or 3 years we have expressed a desire to use that space as our headquarters and eventually share the space with a visitors/ welcome center. In the *2018 Comprehensive Plan* the corner of Main and Constant's has been designated as Suffolk's history corner, so it is appropriate for our group to have its headquarters there. Also, with Riddick's Folly next door, the area really can become a special place for people to become familiar with our unique historical heritage.

The City has planned to move the registrar's office into this space but has been very generous in offering us the rest of the building. We will have office space downstairs and the old courtroom and offices upstairs will become museum and archival space for the Historical Society.

This is truly exciting news! It will take serious funding and expertise to make this happen, but we are confident that our members will support this effort. A museum committee will be formed to help initiate and plan the project. Bucky Hurley signed up for this committee at our last meeting, but we need others to join him on this exciting project.

Please call Barbara McPhail to volunteer. You will have an opportunity to create a lasting legacy for the Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society.

## **RIDDICK'S FOLLY NEWS**

October 12-January 4: an exhibit "All Aboard" featuring miniature trains.

November 21 and 28: Gingerbread House Workshops. Reservations required.

December 4 and 5: Open house and tours for the Historical Society's Candlelight Tour.

December 12: Samantha's Christmas Tea. Reservations required.

Remember the wonderful Gift Shop located in the English basement. For information and to make reservations, please call 934-1390.

## **SUFFOLK ART LEAGUE**

**Exhibitions:** October 17 - November 24 S.A.L.'s Annual Juried Exhibition

December 5 - 30 Handcrafted Holidays, an exhibit and sale of fine art crafts

January 21 - "An Evening with N-Tregue", the annual jazz dinner at the Suffolk Museum

February 25-27 - Antique Show and Sale at the Armory





**This little girl grew up to be a member of  
The Suffolk Book Club just like her Mama.  
Do you know who she is?**

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